Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Can we have an idea about the nature of the consideration of the Government?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The Government has sanctioned a scheme for executing certain works at Nemmara to enhance the supply of water.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will it come into effect during this Summer season?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—In the course of a week or so.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—What will be the extent of relief?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Water will be supplied to the 90 existing taps.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—May I know whether additional taps will be provided for supplying water to the poorer classes in this locality?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The question of providing additional taps will be decided after the scheme now being worked out is watched.

Increasing the supply of drinking water at Vallanghy.

189. **Mr. K. G. Nayar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is necessity for increasing the drinking water supply at Vallanghy;

(b) whether during the coming summer other areas inhabited by the poor and depressed classes will be supplied with drinking water through pipes?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) The supply available at the source being limited it will not be possible to extend the water system to other areas until the supply is augmented.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—In considering the question of extra supply of water does the Government propose to have additional work for the present hands or other arrangements to increase the supply of water?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It is immaterial whether additional hands are entertained or whether the existing hands are made to work overtime. If they work overtime they will be paid.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will there be the same efficiency?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Efficiency will be the first consideration. Arrangements will be made with due consideration of efficiency.

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Mr. K. G. Nayar.—(b) Will the Government consider the necessity of supplying more water to the poorer areas?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—If it is more than enough to supply the present number of taps the number of taps will be increased.

Religious Instruction in schools—violation of the provisions of the Educational Code.

190. Mr Joseph Pettah.—Adverting to paragraph 82 of the Report on Educational Survey, by the Director of Public Instruction, will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there have been any violations of the provisions of the Educational Code in respect of religious instruction in schools ;

(b) and if so, in which schools and in which years and in what manner such violations were committed ;

(c) were there any complaints against such violation , and if so, from whom ;

(d) will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of such complaints ;

(e) what action was taken by the Government in the case of each of these complaints ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No register is maintained for this purpose. Of the several instances that have come to the notice of the Director of Public Instruction the two recent ones are :—

(1) the obstructionist attitude taken by the Manager, St. Antony's School, Athicode, who refused to provide for the teaching of Koran in his school, and

(2) the dismissal of two students of the St. Sebastian's High School, Gothuruthi, for the complaint raised by them against conducting the catechism class during school hours.

(c) Yes ; chiefly from pupils and their guardians and the public.

(d) Copies of the complaints in the two instances referred to are placed on the table (*Appendix II*).

(e) Government have taken steps to enforce discipline.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to say whether there is any provision in the Code to make it compulsory on the management to provide for denominational teaching in the schools ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Denominational teaching is disallowed by the Code.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—In view of that answer how could the Government say that 'the obstructionist attitude taken by

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